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TAGS: OEXC ENGR (LADJIMI, MAHMOUD) TECH

SUBJ: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT FOR ENERGY LEADERS

REF: STATE 172418, TUNIS 4941

1. REQUESTED BIO-DATA FURNISHED TUNIS 4941. BELIEVE LADJIMI'S ENGLISH ADEQUATE TO MEET CRITERIA ANNOUNCED FOR THIS PROGRAM.

2. ETAP: TUNISIAN NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (ETAP) CREATED BY LAW OF MARCH 10, 1972 BUT NOT ACTUALLY ESTABLISHED UNTIL JUNE 28, 1974 WHEN AMOR ROUROU, DIRECTOR OF ENERGY OF MINISTRY OF NATIONAL ECONOMY, INSTALLED IN HIS NEW FUNCTION AS PDG OF ETAP. LADJIMI AND OTHERS NAMED AS MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH LADJIMI APPARENTLY TO ACT IN ABSENCE ROUROU WHO WILL BE REPLACED AS DIRECTOR OF ENERGY BY KHELIFA KAROUI. ACCORDING LAW OF 1972 AND DECREE OF APRIL 16, 1973 FURTHER DEFINING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND ORGANIZATION, ETAP IS TO (A) CONDUCT PETROLEUM STUDIES; (B) TRAIN TUNISIANS "AND NATIONALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES" IN PETROLEUM MATTERS, AND (C) "EVENTUALLY" PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN ALL ACTIVITIES INVOLVING HYDROCARBONS. UNDERSTOOD, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ALL FUTURE PARTICIPATION BY GOT IN PETROLEUM PRODUCING CONCESSIONS WILL BE VESTED IN ETAP. ETAP'S PRIMARY ROLE FOR NEXT FEW YEARS FROM PRACTICAL POINT OF VIEW WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE THAT OF RECRUITING AND TRAINING TUNISIANS TO PERMIT THEM TO STAFF FULLY INTEGRATED

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OIL COMPANY WHICH ETAP IS EVENTUALLY INTENDED TO BECOME.

3. MCO/XO WILL BE USED. GRANT PERIOD SEPTEMBER 8 TO
OCTOBER 7 FINE. NO COST SHARING POSSIBLE THIS CASE, BUT
POST FULLY AWARE OF DESIRABILITY OBTAINING COST SHARING
WHENEVER POSSIBLE. POST AGREES HAVING GRANT CHARGED AGAINST
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